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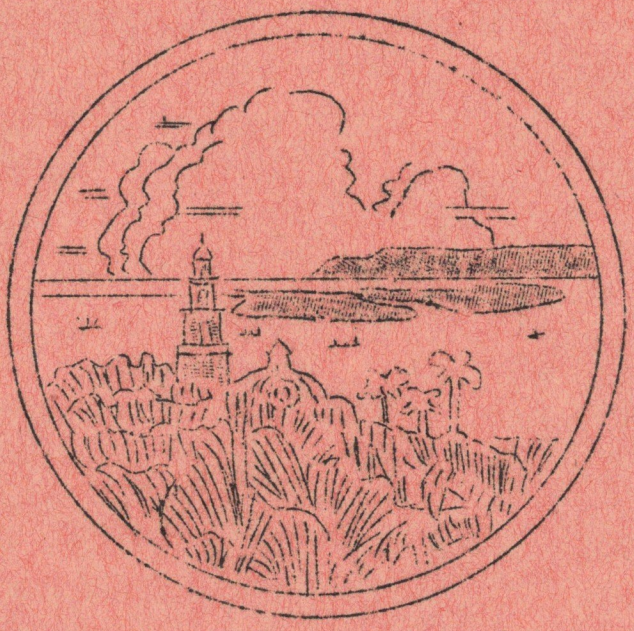

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# FROM THE MOUTHS OF BABES...

by

Vincent H.Gaddis

Once upon a time I watched a child prodigy, five years old, play the piano. As her tiny fingers tapped out the complex chords of a Beethoven sonata, a chill passed thru my body. I was in the presence of the Unknown.

It is not necessary to go to India or Tibet to find miracles. They lie all about us. And always, as I have observed the almost too-rapid growth of children's minds, the quick comprehension that springs, orthodoxy tells us, from nothing more than a sensitive mass of nerve cells, I have experienced a profound sense of miracle. As awareness grows by literal leaps, as characteristics emerge from inner sources that cannot be attributed to heredity or environment, one wonders ....

The story of child prodigies is as long as it is puzzling. Voltaire wrote stories from the age of three, and Samuel Coleridge learned to talk when two and started to read when three. Mozart began composing when five, and the master Beethoven himself gave his first public concert at seven. Both Goethe and John Stuart Mill started writing at six. And both Francis Galton and Jeremy Bentham knew all the letters of the alphabet before they could speak.

From what obscure mental depths came the ability of Yehudi Menuhin, the violin prodigy, who at ten, while appearing as soloist with the New York Symphony Orchestra "revealed the insight and feeling of a man who has risen to the heights and plumbed the depths of human experience? according to a famous musical critic. And Sidney Cherrington, of England, age three and a half, who could duplicate any musical selection he heard on the piano, with only occasional glances at the keyboard?

But the climax of child prodigies is talking infants. There was the baby that spoke five minutes after birth. Born at the Mercy Hospital, Mason City, Iowa, in September 1922, a son of Mr. and Mrs.Peter Zoutes, who now reside in Florida, the child distinctly pronounced the word mother three times in succession. Authenticated statements and accounts of this astonishing occurrence, by doctors and hospital attaches who were witnesses, are on record. The mother claimed to have had tele - pathic contact with her child at the time.

But consider the historic case of Maria Isidra Guzman, of Madrid, Spain. She spoke at birth. What she had to say upon arriving in this vale of tears is not known to the writer, but she went on to enter the Academy of Madrid at the age of ten, and became a Doctor of Philosophy and Literature at seventeen.

Then there was Christian Heinecken, of Lubeck, Germany, who could talk at the age of eight weeks, and knew the Pentateuch and Bible at thirteen months. And several years ago scientists at Stanford University were puzzled by the case of Joan McGlamery, who had a vocabulary

of 450 words at the age of 23 months. Ant there is another case of a baby at Guane that spoke pure Castilian at the age of thirty days, a miracle authenticated by three doctors.

Also there are miracles of memory, and George Santayana, in his Realm of Truth, writes that "memory is a mystery that psychology, so far as I know, has done nothing to penetrate". I might add that Santayana regards memory as "backward prophecy", and does not believe that prophecy is any more remarkable than memory. And there are the mathematical prodigies, who arrive at their solutions of complex problems entirely by subconscious means. Many of them start at an early age, like John Popelka, five year old Slovakian wizard, who correctly gave the number of days since the birth of Christ, within five seconds, and would state without hesitation the number of days and even minutes that had elapsed since the birth of any individual.

That the mental growth of a child is a process of re-learning, with the assistance of a fully-sprung and intelligent subconsciousness seems indicated §. That points to reincarnation. But in the light of our knowledge of the relative nature of time, there is something wrong with the reincarnation theory as it is commonly held. The flow of time in the beyond is not the same as that which we measure in our daily lives. And we would define eternity as the state in which all points of space touch all points in time, and "there shall be time no longer."

What P.D.Ouspensky calls "Eternal Recurrence and the Laws of Manu" in his New Model of the Universe, may well be along the right track, in this writer's opinion. The notion that real progress lies in going backward against the stream of time, toward the great original Source, leaves one breathless and silent. We re-live a life many times, then escape from the wheel of rebirth by a backward step toward the source of all existence. Would this explain the puzzling drive toward the primitive, the eternal call of our childhood and the womb, that conflicts so much with our so-called evolutionary steps forward, and is so abundantly evident in psychological analysis?

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Around childhood gather the wizards of darkness, and they baptize it and change its imagination of itself, as in the Arabian tales of enchantment men were changed by sorcerers who cried, "Be thou beast or bird:" So by the black art of education is the imagination of life about itself changed, and one will think he is a worm in the sight of Heaven, he who is but a God in exile, and another of the Children of the King will believe that he is the offspring of animals. What palaces they were born in! What dominions they are rightly heir to!

"A.E." Candle....

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§ Note: The word subconsciousness here is certainly inadequate, and the whole concept bristles with difficulties. In the course of a semi-popular article, V.H.G. has been unable to attend to these niceties, without elaborating the subject beyond our space limits. (Ed)

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- WELCOME? KAREETA! -

(Round Robin, minuscule minnow amid WHALES and HIPPOPOTAMI of journalism, presents with blushing modesty a tale, which time may yet reckon as of high import.
Many and many are the accounts of strange objects seen in the skies, and passing thru them, and falling therefrom. To these we add the latest and (in our opinion) the most signifcant of them all. §§
We offer you first certain facts, the statements of observers, select- a few out of many. You will explain and interpret them according to your own best judgment... And then in the next place we set down an explanation acceptable to ourselves, tentatively, temporarily, and which many people will (temporarily also?) regard with amusement or contempt... We print today what we believe today, hoping that on some tomorrow we shall all be wiser).

The Observers: The first report of the "Kareeta" came to this writer about 7.45 p.m., October 9 (night of the meteor fall). It came as a telephone call from Mr. Mark Probert of San Diego, who with a boy named Fernando Estevane was watching the meteors from the top floor of a building. His description was substantially as follows:

"This object was about the size of an extremely large plane, and carried two reddish lights. At ifrst it was moving with extraordinary speed, faster than any plane. I saw it twice. The second time it crossed the face of the moon, and the flapping of its wings was plainly visible. The whole object seemed somewhat luminous." To this Fernando Estevane added later:
- "It had two lights. It certainly was not a plane. No plane could manoeuvre that way."

On the next day, October 10, many telephone calls were received. The names and addresses of all informants are in our files. All are from San Diego or vicinity.

Mr. W. L. N. Hospital Attendant. "I saw this object about 8:00 p.m., it was visible for about 3 minutes -- on the right hand as one faced the moon, in motion and coming toward the moon. It was blueish-white in color but I did not see any lights..I saw something similar in South Carolina about 2 years ago; it was more bullet-shaped than this and left a vapor trail behind it.. I did not see any wing motion last night. A nurse at the hospital told me she saw a very strange construction in the sky near the moon about 3:00 a.m."

§ Note: Our reason for giving this name to the sky visitor will be found on a follwing page.
§§ Note: The record of such strange craft, objects, appearances in the sky has greatly increased since Charles Fort began his astonishing memo., and still grows. Most of it is incredible, unintelligible, undeniable. But Kareeta is certainly no phenomenon of nature, nor any craft or projectile known to us - and it is navigated, controlled, guided. It is neither delusion, nor miracle, nor yet a work of earth production; it is our best evidence, so far, of other-world visitors. Once again, we speak only from the limited data now at hand.

Mrs E.M.S. "I saw this object or something like it, some time between 8:00 and 9:00 p.m. on Oct.9 It was on my left hand as I faced the moon and it was coming toward the moon, moderately fast... It certainly was not a plane ... There certainly was wing motion. The wings were much too wide for any bird, and they were shaped like the wings of a butterfly. Nearly the whole object had a deep rosy glow, but there were no definite lights."

Mrs.A.H. I saw the object once, about 8.00 p.m. or maybe later. It was whitish and flying away from the moon toward my left. It looked as if it might have just crossed the moon but I did not see it do so. It was low down toward the horizon when I saw it. It definitely had a wing motion - there was a flapping motion of the wings."

Miss J.V. 'I saw this object about 7:25 and again about 9:00 and I made a sketch of it on a scrap of paper. It looked to me like a pelican. It crossed the moon disk and I did not see any flapping of the wings. But it was nearly stationary for a long time. When I saw it the second time it was nearly in the same place but had moved a little."

Mrs.W.H.S. 'I saw the object some time between 8:15 and 9:00 p.m.Oct. 9. It looked like a large bat - very large - and weird. It was to the left of the moon and in slow movement. It seemed low down to me. I saw no lights on it; the body was dark but it seemed to be lighter on the outer wing tips. The wings were in slow motion. It was not a plane, and not likely to be a bird on account of its large size. I saw it in between two houses and it took about a minute and a half to cross that much space, so it was going slow.'

Mr.B.I.M. "My friend Capt.Scheffel and I observed some object between 8:30 and 8:45 in the west opposite the moon, moving south to north. It left a kind of flash or trail behind it, in a straight line. It moved very fast. We saw it only about three seconds. Captain S, says he thought it had something like a wing with a square tip, like a Gruman plane. There was a kind of reddish glow about it. We thought it might be a rocket because one had been fired in New Mexico and could possibly have reached here. But that doesn't fit in with the other facts, either."

Mr.W.J M.
La Jolla
Calif. 'I saw something near the moon, either stationary or in very slow motion. I did not see any lights and could not make out any particular shape. It might have had wings, I couldn't say. It was very high up. I saw it about 9:00 p.m. Oct.9 but I took only very casual notice of it.'

Mrs.O.I. 'My husband and I saw this object from Presidio Hill about 9:00 p.m. It looked like a huge bat. It was in slow motion and crossed the moon from right to left. There was a wing motion but very slow, and there were no lights on it. We saw it for several minutes.

Mrs.R.M. 8:30 p.m. Gull-like object, faintly luminous, moderate speed, definitely a wing movement, visible about 1 min.
(Summary)

Mr.Bob Stevenson
El Cajon,Calif.

(Amateur astronomer). A friend and I saw this object. Moon was low and it was distant from the moon by about the moon's diameter. It was in slow motion tending downward. Dark body, too large for a plane. Shape hard to make out but seemed slightly crescent in outline. (Summary)

Mr.T.H.H. and wife.

8:00 p.m. Oct.9. Object in very fast motion, in level flight, coming in toward moon from the left. No wing motion seen - it was as if gliding. No sound. We thought at first it was birds flying in formation. But there was a diffused glow of yellowish-white light, as if coming from 5 or 6 lights near together. The object had a wing, all right, but we did not see any wing movement. Mrs. A.H. next door also saw it. (Summary)

Mrs.O'Callaghan
Pacific Beach
San Diego.

(Professional photographer)
Mrs.O'Callaghan reports that she took a time exposure of the moon, 4 x 5 film, speed graphic, about 2 minutes. The film showed an extraordinary effect of fragments of concentric rings, dropping down from one side of the moon - somewhat like fragments of smoke rings or halations on films or plates. "They look like fire coming out of the moon." If a passing object had left a trail of vapor perhaps that would affect the moonlight in that way". Photo taken about 8:30 p.m. Oct.9.

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So much for data concerning our sky visitor. We could add a great number of similar comments and observations, but they contain very few additional facts. Our readers will note, that this strange craft was apparently overhead all night, travelling at different rates of speed, sometimes almost stationary, sometimes dark and again showing lights or a luminous outline, probably leaving a trail of light vapor or smoke, sometimes a flash or trail of light. With these constantly changing positions and rates of speed, it is obvious that reports of observers would vary a good deal. But we have not talked to single observer who believed that this craft was either (1) a plane (2) a bird (3) a projectile. We should note that all accounts imply that the object was navigable - and being navigated. Selah!

What we are now about to do will delight our enemies, make the blood of our best friends run cold. We are going to declare our personal, editorial, present and tentative acceptance of certain 'psychic', mediumistic and clairaudient 'communications' We have been a student of these subjects for the last three decades, and are not going to stop to argue about them just now. This is a semi-popular, psychic research publication, and data of the so-called supernormal sort has right and proper place in it. We submit that when phenomena of an extraordinary sort are in question, and when alleged data are offered, of a coherent, lucid and pertinent nature, only a great fool will throw them aside without a hearing, simply because they happen to come by 'supernormal' means. (Yet such fools there are in plenty, of course, and we shall hear from them). With regard to what follows here, it has our tentative acceptance. We know the psychic well, and have

never yet been deceived in him nor by his Controls. Yet, anything can (happen to an unwary psychic research investigator - and usually does. The account of the Kareeta, received clairaudiently by Mark Probert, may be an elaborate hoax by the communicating intelligences. But we don't think so, and at present have no faintest reason to believe so. Merrie gentlemen all, who despise unworldly things, and all ye fish-blooded scientists with frozen sneers, you are enjoined to stop reading at this point, before your blood-pressure goes higher than the space-ship Kareeta knows to vault and curvet in the empty blue! But there are, even among our own friends, learned men and wise who do not despise the founts of the 'supernormal' - as well as a great number of well-educated folk who are much too smart to ignore such sources.

By a curious coincidence it was the psychic sensitive Mark Probert who telephoned us the first report on the Kareeta, and thru him we received, on the 10th of October, by his clairaudience, the following statement:

> "The Kareeta, the bird-like object seen winging its way around the moon about 7:45, was a mechanical bird from a planet many thousands (sic.) miles away. It is called Kareeta. It was purposely sent into the earth's sky at this time because it was known to the people of the far-off planet that the skies would be carefully observed by many earth people. The Kareeta is taken thru the air by our full knowledge of levitation, and is also run by this power. Th~~e~~ The flapping of the wings is used only when the Kareeta comes into the earth's atmosphere. It has 10,000 parts. The outer structure is made of balsm wood coated with a thin layer of alloy. The wings are operated by electrical power. The motors are very small but their power is great."

The speech of this communicator was difficult and broken, and has been smoothed into intelligibility. The name is unknown. He was followed, later, by a communicator "Ramakalo", who spoke thru the medium as a control, M.P. being in light trance.

"This ship comes from west of the moon. No, I cannot get the name of the planet. It is many thousands of miles. No, I cannot say how many thousands, but very many. It is a mechanical bird. These people have been trying to contact the earth for many years. The earth is now sending forth a strong ray or column of light and this makes it easier of approach from other planets. Yes, these people come in peace... They are much more advanced than you are... Their bodies are similar to yours but much lighter. They would like to make a landing but they are afraid of their reception. They know they will not be understood. They want you to get a group of scientists who will meet them at some isolated spot. The matter must be kept secret from the public at present. Do not say anything to scientists about psychism or these communications, they would not understand and might reject the whole matter... But these people are most anxious to cooperate with you... Much will come thru psychics in the next six months...You must work quietly at this... The new telescope (Palomar?) will amaze the scientists."

The communicator "Lingford" then followed (medium in trance):

"Well, I don't know much about this space ship business but it seems to have stirred up quite a furore. It sounds plausible to me. I'm going to try to find out where this snip comes from?

Communicator "Kendrick" (English-German who became a Tibetan monk).

"Yes, the ship was seen by a great many people but very few of them took any note of its strangeness, they were too busy watching" (the meteorites).

An obvious question, unanswered by anybody so far: If these visitors can speak thru a medium in Egnlish, why do they not establish radio communication is some earth language, with the earth? Especially, if they are much further advanced, as "Ramakalo" asserts. Or do they want to meet a select group only, at first? Is it impossible (as seems likely) to get any scientist of distinction to listen to such radio communications - much less join a reception committee... You can't blame them much, considering what our sapient press and prejudiced public opinion would do to their reputations.

About 'previous attempts' - there are two-three chapters in The Book of the Damned which every student of the sciences should be forced to memorize. But very few of our learned brothers have even heard of the B..D.

Incidentally, we recall that the VAU Communicators, indubitably Intelligences of a very nigh order, said flatly, "Interplanetary communication will take place within three years." .. Maybe readers of Charles Fort will remember the "vast black bat-like thing, poised like a crow over the moon". That, and perhaps a dozen other instances of strange "constructions" voyaging thru the heights of our atmosphere!

Brethren and sistern, on the night of October 9, 1946, some vast contraption was afloat in our upper air. It not only was afloat, it was navigated. It was no plane or bird or projectile which is now publicly known. One conjecture is, maybe a space-ship built here on earth, off for a try-out. That's our one hope of even pseudo-normal explanation - and we think it's a slim one. For ourselves, we fall back on "Ramakalo "- especially since we have not, as yet, heard a single intelligent chirp from our contemporaries -

And we take a kind of malicious satisfaction in observing that our 20th century folk have become so stupidly smart and smartly stupid, that their friendly superiors can't help them - are even afraid to try to land. Maybe they won't be back for a long time.

But maybe they will! (unless they are really wise).

Maybe, just maybe, the tale of the Mark P. communicators is God's truth. And if so, fratres et sorores, the human tragi-comedy on which the curtain is about to rise, will be a scene for the Gods to remember between nectar and ambrosia.

M.L.

(THIS REPORT ANTEDATES BY A WEEK EVERY OTHER PUBLISHED ACCOUNT)

(Project?..) THE HYDRO-JET (Prophecy?...)

The Round Robin editor has known personally of some four or five instances (and there must be many more of them) where elaborate and technical instructions, for apparatus or processes, have been received thru psychic or mediumistic means (clairvoyance, clairaudience, con - trolled writing, or powerful mental 'impressions').

These communications are often given to persons who have little or no technical knowledge of the subjects concerned. The 'communicators' apparently simply seize opportunity, or sometimes (if you prefer) the subconscious takes 'its' opportunity,to give the information. Interpret it as you will, the phenomenon occurs, the alleged data is impressive, but it is seldom indeed that any use is made of it.

It should be unnecessary to itemize the reasons for this. They obviously include (a) the technical ignorance of the recipient (b) the near-impossibility of getting any scientist or competent research work- er to examine such data (c) the very natural reluctance to appear as a crack-pot, even to the stygian ignorance of our neighbors (d) the un- deniable fact that cracked pots are common. Out of many thousands of ideas submitted to the technical Boards during the war, not more than 3 or 4 were considered practicable. Many of the rejections, of course, may have been serious errors.

Round Robin has never concerned itself particularly with 'communi- cated' material of a technical or scientific sort. (Some day, some one will publish a bulletin devoted to this). Just now, however, we have in mind a writer-friend who has accurately predicted a number of inventions and discoveries - the knowledge being received as vivid impressions, or strong psychic compulsion to write or draw. We are now in receipt from him of the material which follows this paragraph. We compress the data to its essentials, and make no comment on it. We print it, in order that it may go 'on record', and because there is an off-chance that it will prove suggestiveto some interested and competent person.

'First, with reference to the ram jet or 'flying stove-pipe': this is a straight hollow pipe with a funnel or throat-like device a short distance inside the nose. The forward motion of this missle builds up a compression in front and concentrates it in the funnel, where fuel is injected and ignited. The expanding gases propel the missle. The ratio of power of the jet to the increasing air resistance is such that the 'pipe' picks up speed: the faster it goes, the more air- pressure in the funnel, the more fuel feeds in, and the more powerful the jet. Theoretically there is no limit to the speed. If the fuel supply can increase the present speed of 1500 mi.per hr. to 1600, the fuel can be cut off and the 'pipe' will fly on its own expanding air heated by compression - practically a perpetual motion. There are no moving parts.

' The idea which was received by me (in the way I described to you) concerns a similar apparatus designed to run under water, or on water, and to "burn water" as the ram jet brurns air. In the presence of a small amount of fluorine gas water will burn furiously without even be- ing ignited - the combination ignites itself. Now, this "hydro-jet" would consist in the main of (a) a straight pipe (b) fuel space and water intake in the nose (c) the injection device, whereby the F1 fuel

is injected into the water stream, which ignites, in the combustion chamber, and the expanding gases form the jet. There will be no funnel, since water cannot be compressed, but a straight pipe for the inlet, with a combustion chamber of larger size. It is possible that a small amount of liquid oxygen would have to be injected, to insure proper oxidation. '

The RR Editor is not familiar with recent work on practicable isolation of free Fl (F) (to which the writer quoted above also made reference); but fluorine as a gas is known to decompose water, giving ozone and hydrofluoric acid, and to combine directly with H at ordinary temperature. (The isolation of F as a gas was reported as far back as 1892 - by electrolysis of liquid HF in a platinum container).

Anyone interested in this matter and wishing to communicate with the writer of the quoted letter, should inquire of the RR, or enclose a letter in envelop addressed to the editor.

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Time swings a scythe) There's an article in Time for Sept. 16, re bro. Doreal and his doings. Mrs H.L. (Mass.) sends us the clip, and then we have a post card comment on it also, from one of Round Robin's most distinguished friends. Doreal is head of the 'White Brotherhood' organization, at Denver, and the article referred to is very nawsty in tone. There's a half-sneer, too, at "astral projection." Then on p. 77 there's a semi-sarcastic article on Mrs Garrett (who is really doing a fine piece of work in her magazine)... As to Magus Doreal, we hold no brief for or against, having very little data - but we know that he is regarded with respect by some very competent and scholarly persons. It is the ignorant and vicious attitude of Time magazine which occasions this paragraph.

Maybe there's a clue to it in a comment we have from a scholar of much distinction: "Remember that Time belongs to Mrs. Luce, now an ardent R.C."

We add, that ignorance however great cannot contend with knowl - edge however small. That's for the sneer-monger responsible for the two articles!

We add further, that if it's the fellow we suspect he's half-way way excusable, because in childhood he was kicked on the head by a mouse.

Wish we could think of something else to say - or of some more agreeable subject! (Like the next paragraph).

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Prophecy that's different) This editor himself wouldn't dare predict that Tuesday follows Monday, but he has friends, two anyhow (believe it or not), who have made specific and highly correct predictions in the past (and do not publicise them). Well, that private pipe line informs us that we are in for a coup d'etat, military dictatorship, bullets for arguments, probably next year or as soon as conditions get so bad, the only way to improve them is tomake them worse. Allons, mes enfants de patrie, le jour de 'gloire' est arrivè ..... it's just too bad for you and me / That they should have to get that way!

# WITCHCRAFT IN PENNSYLVANIA

H.O.Waltermeyer
(Transcribed by Anne Howard)

Perhaps the cry of superstition - foolish - ridiculous! is the correct way of greeting stories of witchcraft, but back in the small Pennsylvania town where I was born, 36 years ago, such things were never treated lightly. And only a few months ago our newspaper carried an article, in which a Pennsylvania hex doctor was charged with allowing a child to dke. The people concerned evidently believed the child was ill by "evil intent", and also that the 'doctor' had power to cure. And the jury saw fit to convict her, so that she was sent to prison for two years.

Somewhere, evidently, in this year 1946, there are those who consider the art of casting spells anything but a 'lost' one.

In my home town, when I was a child, witch lore was our first teaching. The powers of witches, my parents believed, was far-reaching; they declared emphatically that witches could and did cast spells from a great distance on either persons or animals. They recited tales by the score, brought to America from the old country, of witches who changed form at will, and who could change their victims from human to animal forms. They taught us never to look a strange person straight in the eyes, or anyone whom we did not know very well, we repeated the Lord's name in the presence of anyone of ill repute, and made the sign of the Cross to protect ourselves from all manner of evil. The Crucifix was in many a purse and pocket (tho the community was non-Catholic), and of course the inevitable charm against witches was there also.

The Tryer, or hex-doctor, must practise a rigorous spiritual life, and must know the bible from the first to the last pages, since many passages from it are used for healing. And he (or she) must have at command the cure-prayers which have been handed down thru the genera - tions. In my home town the German language was used for all prayers and incantations.

Men seemed to be the best Tryers, but there also were many good ones among the women, who excelled in curing such things as poison ivy, bee stings, headaches, and fevers. My own aunt 'tryed' by laying her hands on the affected parts of the body. I can remember the day she took the fire out of a burn I had received. She laid her hands on the elbow above the burn, and while saying a prayer in her native German, moved her hands down over the burned arm and away from the body. This was known as casting away the pain. The pain left the burn, which was a bad second degree one, and it remained painless and healed very fast.

A Mr.Hubbel from Hummelstown, (Pa.) was known as a powerful hex-doctor, and I have personal knowledge of some of his cures. There was a girl in our neighborhood who would go into convulsions every night about midnight, and the 'regular' doctor could do nothing. The parents called in Mr.Hubbel, and at midnight he nailed an old horseshoe over the girl's door, using three nails. The girl slept peacefully and was never troubled with the attacks again. But three days later the woman suspected of casting the spell fell ill and almost died. Mr.Hubbel heard of it, came and removed the horseshoe, and on the following day the woman was seen up and out of doors.

# SEX AND MEDIUMSHIP

by

Dr. Nandor Fodor

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(The following article consists mainly of quotations from well-known writers, which Dr. Fodor, himself a distinguished authority, has sent to us "in view of the freedom with which the subject is treated in Round Robin and Flying Roll." Tho the principal facts here cited are familiar to most students of psychism, they are much less familiar to spiritualists. Round Robin wishes neither to over-emphasize such data nor to ignore them, but believes they should be presented and commonly recognized).

Crawford: Psychic Structures... I shall begin with W.J.Crawford, D.Sc.who was a lecturer in mechanical engineering at the Municipal Technical Institute of Belfast, and was author of several 'classical' works on spiritistic phenomena ("Reality of Psychic Phenomena", "Experiments in Psychic Science", "Hints and Observations", "Psychic Structures at the Goligher Circle"). My first quotations are from the last named book, page 147 ff. The experiments were directed at finding out from what part of the medium's body the plasma (ectoplasm) issued:

Page 147: "From what part of the medium's body does the plasma issue, and does it return by the same or by another route?

Now, I have discovered that plasma has the property of adhering strongly to a substance such as powdered carmine, and that if the carmine is placed in its path it will leave a colored track. For example, a slightly damp carmine may be placed on any part of the medium's clothing in the vicinity of the part of her body whence the plasma is thought to issue, and the carmined path of the plasma, as it issues, will be left. / Arrangements can also be made to let the plasma rub over carmine on the floor, and the track can be followed as the plasma returns to the body of the medium, by the trace left on the clothing

Page 151: (After describing in detail several experiments): "It is now becoming apparent to me that besides issuing from the medium's foot inside her shoe, there were plasma paths up and down the leg... if carmine is put into the toes of the shoes, particles were found on the stockings right to the top. Crayon particles placed round the tops of the stockings had been considerably moved up and down.

§ Note: These quotations were originally collected by Dr.Fodor in connection with a libel action brought by him against a spiritualist weekly, in England, March 1939. Though the verdict was favorable to Dr.Fodor, no opportunity was offered to present the quotations in proof of his basic claims.

Pages 154-155: " The question then arose as to whether there was a flow of plasma from the medium's body down the legs, as well as the flow from the feet upwards, or, indeed, whether the whole of the plasma did not come from the trunk of the medium, flow down the legs ...

The medium put on white calico knickers under my wife's supervision. Carmine powder was placed in her shoes. At the end of the seance it was found that there were carmine paths up to the top of both stockings and then inside the legs of the knickers to the join of the legs. The car - mine was mostly up the front toward the inside of the legs, and left colored bands 2-3" broad. / Thus, as I had suspected for some consider- able time, it was abundantly clear that the plasma issued from and re- turned to the body of the medium by way of the trunk."

Pages 156-157: " At the end of the seance the medium's feet and legs were washed in order to remove the carmine on her skin which had come thru from her stockings. Clean stockings were put on her, and then her knickers were removed. The knickers were found to be heavily marked with carmine up the inside of both legs as before.

Experiment K-K: The medium sat in clean calico knickers and clean stockings. Carmine was placed in her shoes as before. / At the end of the seance it was found that the inside of the legs of the knickers were marked with carmine as far as the join of the legs ... The above results show beyond a shadow of a doubt that the plasma, after being used in the production of phenomena, returns to the medium's body via the trunk."

Page 158: ...during interruptions in phenomena, or when a light is temporarily lit during a seance, the plasma conceals itself about the top of the medium's legs under her clothing, and does not necessarily all return to her body."

As will be seen, Crawford uses very careful language. Not once does he refer to the medium's genitalia by open words. Figures at the end of the book show the plasma issuing from under the medium's skirt.

For more plain speaking language let us go to the Continent. In "Experimente der Fernbewegung" (Experiments in Telekinesis) Baron Schrenck-Notzing quotes (p.154) the following report by Dr.Olga Le - brecht-Thumel, a nerve specialist of Marburg:

"With the increase of phenomena the bodily movements became strong- er, the clonic shakings became more powerful, cramplike; the pulse flew up and the respiration grew labored. Perspiration stood on the forehead of the medium. The whole process is very much like a birth process. Biologically, the erotic activity is unmistakeable.(§).

Dr. W.Osborne: Report of Dr. W.Osborne, nerve specialist of Baden-Baden. page 163:

'Finally I could not fail to observe that all the phe - nomena produced by an effort on the part of the medium (she perspires often very strongly during the demonstration) point to happenings which

§ Note: Some of the most vicious attacks ever made, upon mediums and investigators alike, have had origin in this apparent eroticism. The fondlings of (e.g.) an entranced peasant woman are alleged to have corrupted the wisest savants, and to have converted the darkened seance room into a scene of erotic orgies. (Ed.)

nang together with the sexual sphere of the medium. It is difficult to make accurate observations in this respect, but the whole typical cor - poreal attitude of the medium during and before the phenomenon, the in- crease of the totality of bodily energies, the rhythm of his movements, his great general excitement which strives to reach a high point after the achievement of which the phenomena begin and the medium is visibly exhausted and satisfied, speak for the idea that these things somehow nang together with his sex? "

General Joseph Peter, of Munich: Page 175 of Report. "The medium, as the phenomena were about to happen, was often in fear and excite- ment. Willie (Schneider) pressed himself trembling to me and groaned in anxiety. From time to time, however, it seemed that he was possessed by erotic feelings; he stroked the hands of his controls with his cheek and began to bite me in the arm. 'Mina' (his female controlling spirit) would only desist after very emphatic re - quests."

Dr. Gustave Geley, From the Uncon - scious to the Con- scious": Page 67. "Thus the formations materialized in mediumistic seances arise from the same biological process as normal birth" / Ectoplasm is linked to the medium by a channel of nourishment, a true umbilical cord, comparable to that which joins the embryo to the maternal body. In certain cases the materialized forms appear in an ovoid of the substance."

Page 68: I have also seen, on several occasions, a hand wrapped in a membrane closely resembling the placental membrane. The impress- ion both to sight and touch was precisely that of a hand presentation in childbirth when the amnion is unbroken. / Another analogy with childbirth is that of pain. The moans and movements of the entranced medium remind one strangely of a woman in travail. "

Professor Enrico Morselli: Psicologia e Spiritismo, Vol. I, page 105: "The mediumistic crisis is similar in every respect to the hysterical one. The obscuration of conscious - ness, the torpor of lethargy, the modifications in circulation and in respiration, the sighs, the yawns, the profuse perspiration, the tremblement, the muscular tension, contraction, the anaesthetic condi- tion, the spasms of the pharynx, the spasmodic laughter, the ecstatic facial expressions, the photophobia, the hyperesthesia, the erotic attacks, the passionate outburst, the vocal and mimical sterotypes - nothing is missing from the frame with which neuropathologists and alienists are so well acquainted." §

From the same work, Vol.II, page 14: "Eusapia says that even the menstruation has become more copious and more disordered in excessive

§ Note: Inexperienced readers should not make the mistake of supposing that this alarming picture is characteristic of all materialization seances without exception. The phenomena may take place quietly, with only a few groans or gasps from the medium as he enters trance. The clonic spasm, alleged by some to be an invariable accompaniament of the ectoplasmic extrusions, if it exists at all in such cases is undetect- able by ordinary observation. (Ed.)

mediumistic practise"

Vol.II, Page 307: "The passing into a more advanced state of trance, to that of active somnambulism, is truly indicated by sighs, yawns, sobs, alternating redness and pallor of the face, perspiration on the forehead, light transparency of the palms of the hands, the alteration of the voice and the quick change of facial expression. Eusapia then progresses through a diversity of emotional states; now she is prey to a speciesof concentrated rage, with quick movements, imperious commands, and sarcastic phrases directed at her critics, with smiles and loud laughter which (as De Rochas and Bois exaggeratedly describe it) is 'something diabolical'; then she passes into a state of decided voluptuous ecstasy, throwing about both her arms, squeezing us with her tensed thighs and trembling feet, resting her head and abandoning her whole body on my or Barzini's shoulders while we fearlessly resist this innocent attack against our masculine emotions."

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Round Robin Editor adds a further, perhaps unnecessary caveat to the foregoing account, that an immense amount of study has been devoted to the nature, forms and processes of the ectoplasm. Fragments of it have been detached, preserved for a short time, and an attempt made at chemical analysis. It contains a few epithelial cells. It may be white, gray, or black, infinitely plastic, or rigid as an iron bar. It is considered to be idioplastic, and can be produced and modified by suggestion and hypnosis. It is by no means derived exclusively from the genitalia, but from all openings of the body, from the armpits, perhaps from the breasts and solar plexus also... It was perhaps the knowledge of some of these facts that caused Houdini to deny that it existed at all; he declared that "God Almighty would never permit so horrible a substance to exist"... Ectoplasm is not drawn from the medium alone, but often from a half-dozen sitters as well; mediums who pack 15-20 people into a small room without ventilation, often for two hours of physical phenomena, should be prosecuted for offense against public health and decency. The excuse of "concentrating the power"is sheer nonsense... The phenomena associated with ectoplasm, however, are in all ways marvellous and their limits are unknown to us. (ML

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Aspirations of Dr. Yoakum: We mean Dr.Gerald A.Yoakum, Professor of Education at the University of Pittsburgh. He's grieved by the discovery that America's reading habits are at the bubble-gum stage; it seems the army had to keep its G.I. instructions at fourth-grade level, to be sure they were understood. And the public, he says, wants sixth grade stuff, just something to read, no matter what. Love, sports, and Western magazines conform to this requirement pretty closely. The women's magazines, however, are for the true intellectuals, "they average about half-way through the 7th grade" Dr. Y's conclusions are fanciful but intriguing: 'The reading level of the nation must be raised to that of a 14-year-old child, or at least to where we can grasp the social and economic problems that confront us.' - And yet there are people who regard the afflictions of mankind as either gins laid by Satan or punishments sent by God!

# Experimental Transmission of Communicator Signatures from one Automatic Script Writer to Another

Dr.Philip S. Haley

The transfer of the signature of a purporting communicator ("Immanuel Kant of Konigsberg") from the writing of Miss Pauline Jacobson to that of the wife of the writer, Mrs.P.S.Haley, occurred shortly after the death of Miss Jacobson in 1928. The writer had received thru Miss Jacobson's writing, material which he regarded as high grade, during a period of about 9 years prior to 1928. The experiment was an attempt to carry on this communication, and seemed to be successful so far as the duplication of the signature was concerned only, the content of the writing of Mrs Haley being of a different character-personality than the Jacobson-Kant personality.

Miss Jacobson was formerly a news writer and feature writer, had studied philosophy in college, but was never sure whether "Kant" was a spirit or part of her own subliminal consciousness. She inclined to the latter view, but when writing did not seem to know what Kant or her other guides had written, until she read over her own script, after a sitting. The same is true of Mrs.Haley's writing.

Mrs.Haley, prior to the coming of 'Kant', used to produce a fine Spencerian script purporting to be written by a communicator named Maggie. When Kant appeared in her writing, 'Maggie' disappeared. She temporarily reappeared, however, at the request of this writer, but only after some urging. After a few appearances of 'Kant', Pauline came, and signed her name in a signature closely resembling her natural characters, but not exactly so. From that time on, Kant or Pauline, or Pauline and Kant, have been the signatures.

Method of Experimentation: The present writer simply concentrated on the thought of Kant's signature taking the place of Maggie's. He and his wife have long been in close telepathic contact, so he knew the method was simple, tho admittedly he does not understand fully the mechanics of telepathy. The experiment was successful from the first attempt.

Checking the Experiment: The writer consulted Mr.Chauncey McGovern, a personal friend, parapsychologist, and well-known court expert in handwriting; he pronounced the two signatures identical, and said that the one who wrote the first must have written the other. The experiment was written up for the A.S.P.R.Journal, but the ms was lost in the ASPR offices. The writer therefore sends a briefaccount to Round Robin. Mrs.Haley had never before produced a Kant signature, altho she knew Miss Jacobson well. The writer told her nothing of the experiment he was trying until it had succeeded.

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In Summary: Dr.Haley receives communications signed Kant thru Pauline J. After the death of Pauline J. Mrs Haley received messages signed Kant in 'identical' script, and others signed Pauline. The 2nd Kant signatures appeared after Dr.Haley had made mental demand for them without informing his wife. It was only the signature which thus re-appeared - not the Kant-Pauline personality of messages... A Query: On whom was Dr.Haley's mental suggestion operative? M.L.

# CONCERNING SPIRIT POSSESSION

## (Clarkson Dye Makes Inquiries)

"To the Round Robin Editor: September 1, 1946.

Referring to your inquiry concerning doubles, the following may be of interest: I wrote to all the mental institutions in California recently, making inquiry concerning cases of split personality and possible 'possession', and received replies from most of them. I send you a copy of one letter; the others were virtually the same:

> "It will be appreciated if the Head of your Psychiatric Department will furnish information regarding the following: / I have recently finished reading ... wherein the authors assert that many of the supposed insane are really victims of 'possession', and that pathological and heredity case histories fail to reveal these elements... Will you advise me whether you have noted cases of split or dual personality wherein such a presumption could be logically entertained...? " §

Replies from Mental Institutions:

1. .. 'We do not believe that mental conditions are due to 'split' or dual personalities, as you call them.
2. .. 'In my own experience a splitting of personality or a dual personality, as noted in cases of dementia praecox, have been frequently seen, but I have never been led to presume that such patients were suffering from a possession.
3. .. The concept of patients being the victims of 'possession' smacks of mediaeval times ... altho the basic difficulty is not clear in many of the types.
4. .. 'The theory of demonical (sic) possession as a cause for disease has for many years been completely and universally discarded by scientific men.'
5. .. 'In our experience we have never noted cases of dual personality wherein a reasonable presumption could be entertained that the patient could be suffering from possession. No credence is placed in such belief at the present time.'
6. .. 'There are many cases of 'split personality' which are found in the schizophrenic group, but it is felt that this is not due to the patient's suffering from 'possession'. (Napa Insane Asylum)
7. .. 'There are no doubt patients who suffer with a split or dual personality... We are satisfied with the theory that most mental disorders are either inherited or arise from inherent weaknesses. (Camarillo State Hospital)

§ Note: We have combined two separate communications from Mr. Dye, and have greatly abbreviated his letter to the various institutions.

8. .. Admittedly, certain instances of split personality seemingly are due to 'possession', but this is only the subjective explanation given by the patient.'.. The most recent instance occurred in Dubuque, Iowa, in 1936.

Langley-Porter Clinic of San Francisco.

9. .. The recorded material appears to be controversial and inconclusive (i.e.,regarding dual personalities, or demoniacal possession. No comment given in reply as to attitude of criminologists).

San Quentin Penitentiary.

10.. Folsom Penitentiary: inquiry was referred to the diagnostic Clinic at San Quentin, v.9 sup.

We refrain, with unbelievable self-control, from making any extended comment at this time; merely mark the whole thing Exhibit A, in the case for and against contemporary psychiatry - and wait hopefully for comments from our readers.

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## THREAD FROM THE LABYRINTH

(F.G.H. Comments on a Round Robin Article)

"I would like to comment on Thread from the Labyrinth in RR 9. I fully agree with the stand taken and have preached it for many years. As a Helper I have been aware of it and have done my best to alleviate the misery... Those so stranded are on the etheric and two lowest astral planes - thru their own faults and mistakes. Anyone who has even a modicum of love in his own family will be taken care of by those who went before, even for a long time. Love is the only currency that has validity across the Divide. But much more should and could be done to help these victims of their own ignorance.

"There is quite a bit of organized effort to help the newly dead. Nobody, however lonely his death, passes over without the 'reception committee' being present, which not only does the necessary physical chores of the passing over, but alos is there with help and advice. It is only when this help and advice is rejected that a person gets lost.

"Among the organizations which help their members the most prominent are some of the Churches. The Catholic Church takes plenty of care of its members, but the results are often not very beneficial, as that Church is interested more in the maintenance of its membership than the benefit of its individual members. The best care, I have found,is taken by the Mormon and Quaker groups. These have well-organized welfare groups on the other side, and take the best care of the needs of their members, and of many outsiders too. Then there are the better fraternal organizations, especially some of the Masonic Lodges. And of course, the Brotherhood in all its ramifications. But the hands of many helpers are tied by the karmic load of those they would be glad to help. One who has led a cold and selfish life, gratified only his own selfish desires regardless of the cost to others, is damned to this experience as part of his punishment and education, and no helping hand can reach him. "

Cordially, F.G.H.

Society for
INVESTIGATION OF MYSTERIOUS PHENOMENA

Round Robin is in receipt of a letter from Mr.R.DeWitt Miller, President of the Society for Investigation of Mysterious Phenomena, (457 So.Serrano Ave. Los Angeles 5), enclosing a three-page Report of the I.M.P. committee appointed to investigate the claims of medium George Alvin Emberg, of Vancouver, B.C. Our space permits us to make a brief summary only, which is all the more excusable on account of the wholly negative results.

The attempt was, to show a decrease in the brightness of a strong electric light (150 watts), also various colors in the light, and possibly faces - all said to be accomplished by spirit forces working on the current within the globe itself, by mental means, and aided by the mental concentration of the medium.

Black and white photographs were taken, also Kodachrome (color film). Three negatives of the former showed no variation in the light, and no colors appeared in the latter. Colors were apparent to most observers while fixing the gaze on the light, but subsequent trials gave a similar effect, at a meeting of the Society several weeks later. No exceptions to the negative report are noted by any member of the Society.

The Editor of Round Robin is glad to present the above synopsis, since he was personally responsible for gathering a group to witness these same hoped-for phenomena, through the same medium, in San Diego. Colors were indeed observed, but later experiments showed them to be effects of optical strain from gazing at the strong light; and while two observers thought there was a diminution of light, this was not noted by any others. No instrumental tests were made at the San Diego meeting, but such results as were obtainable must be considered nega - tive. Round Robin also wishes to make note of the competent and systematic way in which the Society conducted these tests, as shown by the Report which adequately covers all arrangements, operations, and apparatus employed. - And the RR Editor takes this occasion to add, that tho he is himself a spiritist in his basic acceptances, and a student of things 'occult', he strongly favors the most critical and rigid scientific study of such phenomena, provided it is carried on by men who are competent, impartial, and thoroughly informed on all sides of the questions involved. It is imperative, in the interests of humanity, that this gulf be bridged, and it is the great objective of RR to assist in this by every means possible.

Readers will understand that a negative seance report by no means reflects discredit upon the medium, nor rules out the possibility of the phenomena. Our impression of the integrity and good character of the medium in this case is entirely favorable.

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The Gamma issue of Flying Roll is now ready for distribution. There are no free copies, but a copy may be had for inspection, and re- turn if not wanted. Price.50

Case of Abou ben Adhem (or, why we like Light).

Do you all remember the case of Abou ben Adhem (may his tribe increase) - who woke one night from a deep dream of peace - and saw the Angel with the book, and held brief converse with him? It now appears, according to an article in Light (Sept.) that the episode was investigated by the SIPP, or Society for the Investigation of psychomorphic Phenomena. We have no space to quote the three pages covering this investigation - which includes a most unsatisfactory interview with Mr.ben Adhem himself - but only the intensly interesting closing paragraph, as follows:

"There remains, nowever, an interesting point. It is whether we should suppose that Mr.Ben Adhem, having been born with, or being otherwise possessed of, a psychorragic diathesis, unconsciously brought about a kind of phantasmogenetic modification of an area of space in his bedroom, as adumbrated in the case of Canon Bourne, quoted in Myer's Human Personality (abridged) page 197. Or, on the other hand, whether these two experiences should be regarded as being instances, autogenous and automorphic respectively, of ordinary hallucination. There is this to be said for the first, that the second being (as always deceptively) the simpler one, it would for that reason, following the Society's accepted policy, normally be deemed the less likely one. Nevertheless, the Investigation Committee, having given exhaustive consideration to the various psychologic and other factors involved, has come to the conclusion that this case would most appropriately be assigned provisionally to Category B (iii), as having consisted of two successive Pseudo-veridical or Falsidical Sensory Automatisms, both of somnistic origin. The question will be considered, however, whether this point may not suitably form the subject for debate at one of the quarterly meetings of the Society."

For the Investigation Committee,
A.D.Mirable-Crichton
Hon. Secretary.

Advertisement in London Times.

"A group of scientists would like to spend several nights in an effectively haunted house." Writer in Times makes sour comment on this, ends by quoting the villager in Silas Marner, during argument about ghosts: "As if ghos'es 'ud want to be believed in by anybody so ignirant!"

Note on astral projection experiments.

The cataleptic condition which frequently occurs immediately following the return to the body is extremely alarming to many experimenters. J.H.Brown, in Light (Sept.) says that to struggle against this makes matters worse; if he waits quietly the condition soon breaks. Yram also experienced this, but 'took the line of least resistance and went to sleep.' Amateur experimenters should reckon with this condition, accept it without alarm; nevertheless some relative or friend should always be informed concerning it. Wherever there is any record of catalepsy or involuntary trance, extreme care and maximum delay are essential at the time of death.

## - GOLD OF OUR OWN OPINIONS -

("And I own I love to find, as I fear I always must,
The gold of my own opinions in a fellow heap of dust."
Will Carlton.

There is a great probability now given us, thru psychical and spiritistic researches, that there is a continued existence of the soul after death, preserving a weak identity, to which new life and growth can be added... (Cesare Lombroso)

It can be demonstrated experimentally that there is in man a principle which differs from that in a material body. Telepathic phenomena show us the direct influence of one spirit on another without physical or material communication from the outside. (Paul Joire)

'The only direct evidence for survival of the individual, is that afforded by so-called occult phenomena'...We may fiarly conjecture that we may be on the verge of something like a demonstration that individual consciousness does survive the death of the body. (Professor N.S.Shaler)

We shall never attain a view of the sum of phenomena unless we free ourselves from the routine of the schools, and unless we attack manfully the problems of occultism and magic. (Dr.Ochorowicz)

When I look over the whole field of phenomena, and consider the suppositions that must be made to escape spiritism...I see no reason except the suspicions of my neighbors for withholding assent. (Professor J.H.Hyslop

I claim that a spirit exists in man, and that it is healthy and desirable that this spirit should be capable of partial and temporary dissociation from the organism (for the sake of) increased vision and communication with other incarnate spirits. (F.W.H.Myers)

I believe myself that eventually there will be completely satisfactory evidence, from empirical sources, based on strictly scientific grounds, that man indeed does not die with the death of his body. (Dr.Richard Hodgson)

The best philosophical ground for believing in survival of death by self-conscious persons was stated by Thomas Hill Green (Oxford) thus: That it is impossible to conclude without intellectual absurdity, that an order of things which as for its visible end the construction of self-conscious personality, should ultimate in the extinction of the same. J.M.Whiton

At some future day it will be proved that the human soul in earth life is in uninterrupted communication with those living in another world... I permit myself to doubt each (ghost story) in particular, and yet believe in them when all taken together. (Immanuel Kant.

(From The Proofs of Life After Death / A Collation of Opinions/ Robert J.Thompson. 360 pp)

# HUNA, ITS FORTEAN PROBLEMS AND PARTIAL ANSWERS

by

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Just before Pearl Harbor, as one may read in an exciting article in the December issue, 1943, of THE PARADISE OF THE PACIFIC magazine (Honolulu), a Fortean event of some magnitude occured, perhaps two events.

For as far back as native history goes, there have been, from time to time, mass materializations of the dead, usually at night, and often making up a traveling crowd of men, women and children, laughing, scenting the air with the perfume of mountain maile, a fragrant vine used for wreaths. These crowds or groups were heard and often seen, but, in passing, did not injure the living spectators.

On the other hand, there were materialized marching armies of Hawaiian warriors and their chiefs, often carrying lighted torches, and beating drums. These men of war usually killed anyone of the living met in their line of march, so, the living, when hearing or seeing the approach of a ghostly procession, either fled or hid at a safe distance until the marchers had passed.

A part of the magazine account reads: "It was shortly before midnight (December 6th) when the entire valley was awakened by the sound of marching men. One by one the villagers sat up in bed and listened; some went to the doors and looked outside. Nothing was to be seen - but there was the sound of steady marching, coming from the point of the heiau (ruins of an ancient Hawaiian temple platform)....at the head of the valley, through the village - and onward to the sea."

After the passage of the ghostly army, people went out to investigate the possible cause for a scream which had been heard earlier, in the valley above the settlement, and there discovered the lifeless body of one of the young men of the community. There was no mark of violence on him, but the older Hawaiians had no slightest doubt that the young man, who had been taught in school to scoff at ghostly matters, had been killed by the materialized warriors when he remained in their line of march.

This village, Maluhonua, according to the writer of the article, is not far from Pearl Harbor. Mention is also made of a similar march in the Lumahai valley on the distant island of Kauai, on the same night, and of an elderly Japanese found mysteriously dead in the same way, in the path of the marchers.

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Dr. John Tanner, an investigator who spent some time in Hawaii, once heard the sound of invisible feet shuffling along in procession at night in the Waikiki district near the site of a dead king's summer home. He hurried to the old Royal Palace in the center of the city three miles distant, and waited there to see if the procession would arrive. In a

short time it arrived, coming from the direction of Waikiki, but turned off short of the Palace and stopped upon reaching the royal tomb in the burial ground of the neighboring Missionary church. (Kawaiahao Church.)

Like other matters of a Fortean character, for which we can produce only partial answers, the mass materialization of ghostly marchers raises many questions, three of which are:

(1) Where did the ghosts get the ectoplasmic (or other, visible or invisible ) materials used in such mass materializations?
(2) Where did the ghosts get a sufficiently large supply of force (such as vital force) to manipulate the substances used in the materialization? (In seances, materialization often uses much vital force.)
(3) What form of consciousness (as a "spirit") produced the materializations, and how did it (or they) do it?

If we look to Religion for answers to these three basic questions, we find little to help us. "God" is supposed to do everything, and no mention is made of ectoplasmic or other substances, or of forces with which to produce and shape them.

Mother India has long frowned on spiritistic matters, and offers only an indirect and vague idea of invisible substances and pranic energies (thought of as useful mainly to the living).

Psychic Science, built largely on the findings of S.P.R. workers, offers us the first source of detailed and logical information. Ectoplasm, both visible and invisible (the latter can be very firm and strong, as seen in Dr. Crawford's experiments with invisible psychic or ectoplasmic rods which extended from the medium across a room to lift heavy objects.) Mediums have been found to dematerialize in part or in full while bodies for the dead have been materialized for temporary use. The vital force of medium and sitters has been used to the extent of weakening almost to the point of exhaustion. Question three has been left unanswered on the whole, although it has been suggested that, in some mysterious way, the spirits of the dead learn to manipulate substances and forces in a manner impossible to the most learned of the living.

The Huna System of the Polynesians, especially the Hawaiians) offers far more, by way of a complete set of answers, than does any of the other psycho-religious systems, ancient or modern. (Check Theosophy and New Thought, as representative).

To the kahunas ("Keepers of the Secret") the idea of "substance" was contained in the word, mea, which means any form of substance, tangible or thinned to nothingness. Ectoplasm could be tangible or could be so thinned out that it could not be seen or touched - and still it could be charged with human or other grades of vital force and made to take on strength, with or without visibility or tangibility. Of this mea the invisible bodies used by us after death are constructed. In such bodies the surviving two spirits of a man live, store earth memories (taken along in these shaddowy bodies with the spirits when leaving the dying body) and, store supplies of vital force drawn from the living (or other sources, and used by the poltergeist type of spirits for materializing and throwing stones, lighting fires, throwing water, etc.)

Only the kahunas seem to have considered the matter of what type of conscious entitythere might be behind the production of apports and fully materialized normal bodies for the use of the departed spirits.

The Huna answer is that above the level of the conscious, there is a superconscious entity, which has a better way of thinking than we who are less evolved. It has also a more potent force to use, (seemingly a higher voltage of vital force). This superconscious or Aumakua, because of its superior intelligence, can so use its superior voltage of vital force (made by stepping up the voltage of ordinary vital force of our level to the atom-smashing point) as to break solid human flesh into invisible ectoplasmic substance - together with garments at times - and reform it as a clothed body for the temporary use of a spirit.

How? The kahunas believed that we of the conscious mind (uhane) level, cannot understand the superconscious and its methods except in rough outline. But some things were clear enough. Man has two spirits, a conscious and subconscious, and each has an invisible aka or "thin" body. The thin body of the subconscious spirit is a mold of every microscopic tissue of the body, and retains this mold shape after physical death. In full materializations, this enduring thin body can be filled (as a mold) with substance of some ectoplasmic nature, manufactured by the superconscious from borrowed human flesh, from living creatures or plants, or, perhaps, made from some basic "ether." (Vital forces may come from a like variety of sources).

Huna offers three new elements to complete the findings of Psychic Science and make possible an explanation of most psychic phenomena. These new elements are: 1. The superconscious. 2. Super-vital-force of a voltage sufficient to "smash" the atoms of denser substances and make them into the visible or invisible ectoplasms, then re-solidify them into aka molds to produce apports or materializations. 3. The aka, of which every body or thing is possessed. The three aka bodies of the three spirits of man carry vito-electric charges, and have, therefore, magnetic fields, which are visible to psychics and often through Milner screens as "auras". (The kahunas seem to have believed that all substance must be composed of a mixture of consciousness-vital force-aka. The presence of vital force in the aka mold solidified the latter into tangible "substance." Invisible hands can be "solid" to the extent of moving objects.) (The three conscious "spirits" of man, and the three aka or invisible bodies - one for each conscious entity - with the addition of the physical body, make seven units. These check off against the "seven bodies of man" in Theosophy fairly well, but the three voltages of vital force compare poorly with the idea of the 49 pranas.)

Thanks to S.P.R. efforts and to Huna additions, we have, after over a century of effort, arrived at a tenable explanation of the triune man and of the phenomena produced by him while in the flesh or out of it after death. Even if it were not for the hope that we may eventually go on to instant healing, weather control and changing the future, to say nothing of fire-walking, seeing the future, etc., etc., we could still find much satisfaction in the fact that progress in the Pioneer Fringe of the psycho-religious field has been so emphatically resumed. Nor does it discredit our great S.P.R. men because they failed to discover the missing elements which make an explanatory hypothesis possible. Thanks to them and their scientific investigations, we may, in the course of time, restore and perfect Huna to greater utility.

## - OMISSIONS AND COMMISSIONS -

Both Round Robin and Flying Roll are very late this month. We are in constant difficulty about paper supply, and also have no clerical help. The Kareeta affair came up at the last moment, and it seemed to us that it should appear promptly. Excellent articles from Round Robin friends have had to go over to next issue. Our thanks to all of these contributors.

We omit our Variorum section: We had a little comment on The Bell Witch (a great mystery) - on Troll Business in Colorado -on the Black Mass in Milan - the Ghost of Antigonish - Cries of Anguish from Readers. And under Ca et La there was something about Necrophilia in Turkey - Dr.Nandor Fodor's "Explanations" in Digest and Review - Notes on booklets and articles by Professor Kvan, "F.G.H.", Dr. Fodor, Vincent Gaddis, Dr.Haley, William G.Randall (attorney, investigator), and others. Acknowledgments of many publications received, and of excellent articles in them... We omit our page of book titles (for sale), and of special notices. Nearly all of this will appear at the earliest possible date.

If you want Flying Roll for inspection or purchase (.50 copy) send us a post card - and please state your occult affiliations,if any.

Don't forget that we have had to increase the price of Round Robin - the cost of paper is almost prohibitive - when one can get it.

We hope to have articles by Gina Cerminara, and by E.C.Krieger (research) in the near future. And another by Clarkson Dye, research.

We recommend Walter Graham's new STAR, a scientific quarterly with a liberal viewpoint. Send $1.00 to Box 7046, Sta.G, Los Angeles 37.

Instruction in Pendology, by Dorothea Frood, author of the article on Pendology in Sept. Round Robin. Instruction includes theory and practical use of the Pendule. Personal, or by mail. Unique and valuable. Dorothea Frood has had much experience with pendulum work, especially in diagnosis. Address her at 1621 So.Grand Ave.,Los Angeles 15, Calif. Terms to be arranged.

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